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SUBJECT: GREEK QUESTIONS ON PKK CONFERENCE IN IRAQ

Classified By: Acting Political Counselor Paul Carter for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (U) This is an ACTION request. SEE PARAGRAPH 3.
- 12. (S) Poloff verbally delivered referenced demarche on the PKK conference in northern Iraq and provided the Europe-Erbil direct flight non-paper on April 16 to Deputy Director of the MFA A4 Directorate for Turkey, Katarina Nassika. Nassika said she would inform relevant MFA offices and Directorates and contact the U.S. Embassy with any information, should something materialize. She asked whether this was the first time Washington had made such a request, and if so, she was curious as to the catalyst given that this year's conference represented the sixth annual meeting. She also wondered whether we had exact conference dates or specific names of concern.
- 12. (S) ACTION REQUEST: Post would appreciate Washington responses to Nassika's questions. Particularly helpful would be a list of specific names of persons of concern.

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